

jonathan Warns David

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42

TRUE BLUE

LESSON 11



1. Your best friend has been accused of stealing, but you know it isn't true. **What would you do?**

2. Your parents heard some bad things about your friend that aren't true, and now your parents forbid you to hang out with your friend.

What would you do?



3. You heard that the bully at school is after your best friend. The bully will come after you if you tell your friend. **What would you do?**



4. Your friend didn't do his or her homework, and now that friend wants to copy yours.

What would you do?



BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

In our Bible story today, we see Jonathan's extreme loyalty to David. Jonathan knew that he would not be taking the throne as king of Israel after his father. He also knew that David would be the next king of Israel.

But did that make him jealous? Not a bit! In fact, Jonathan helped David escape from King Saul. Saul was so upset that David would be the next king that he wanted to kill him. Jonathan risked his own life to save the life of his friend. And when they parted company, they both wept.

Bible Point: God helps us be loyal friends even when it's hard.

Key Verse: "But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24b).

FAMILY FUN

Target Friends



Place three to five buckets in your driveway. Place the name of a different family friend in each of the buckets. Try to shoot as many rubber bands as possible into the buckets. When you've run out of rubber bands, count how many are in each bucket. Pull the name of the family friend out of the bucket with the most rubber bands in it. Think of a way your family can show their friendship to that person this week.

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Give a friend a hug, and tell that friend that you're going to be loyal to him or her no matter what happens.
- Call a friend who did something to make you angry. Tell that friend that God helps us be loyal even when it's hard—and that you still love him or her!
- Visit a nursing home with a parent and spend time with someone who doesn't have a lot of friends or family to show him or her love and loyalty.

PARENT STUMPER

Q: At what festival did Saul notice David was missing?

A: New Moon festival



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Proverbs 17:17

Part of being a good friend is to allow your friends to have bad days. Are you willing to love your friends at all times?

TUESDAY Proverbs 27:10

Sometimes we feel too cool for our friends and begin to look for more popular friends. What friend have you forsaken and need to ask forgiveness of?

WEDNESDAY John 15:13

The ultimate act of loyalty in friendship is to volunteer to die in the place of a friend. What difficult situation can you help your friend through?

THURSDAY Proverbs 27:9

When a friend asks for advice, you should do your very best to give your friend the right advice. How can you make sure you give your friend the right advice?

FRIDAY John 15:14-15

Jesus makes clear to us what we need to do to be his friend. How can you be Jesus' friend?

SATURDAY 1 Chronicles 29:18

When we have a friendship with God, we need to remain loyal to him. How can you show your loyalty to God?